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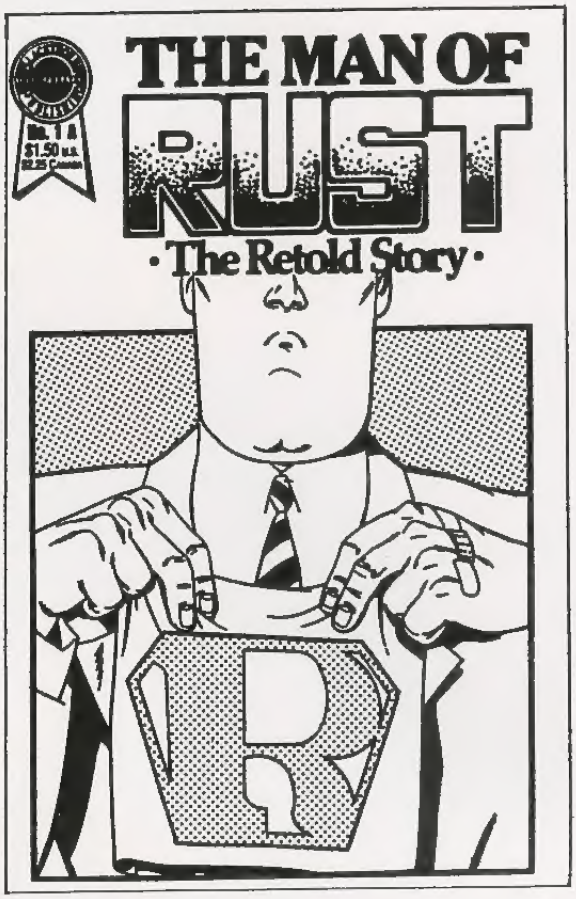

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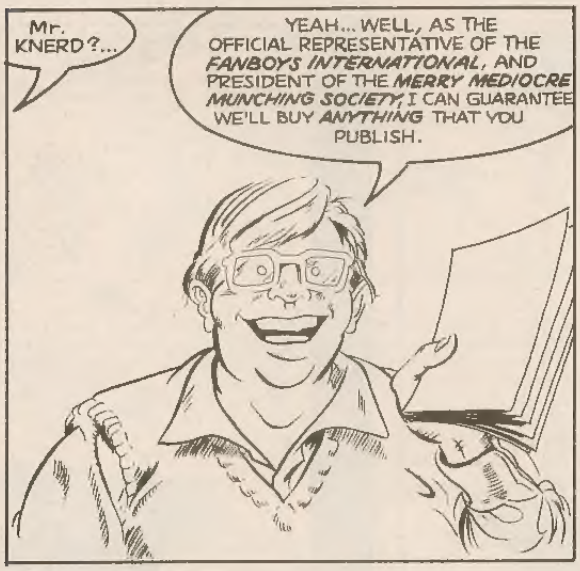
IF IT'S YOUR IDEA, B.O., IT'S GREAT!
MC


Mr. KNERD?...
YEAH... WELL, AS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FANBOYS INTERNATIONAL, AND PRESIDENT OF THE MERRY MEDIOCRE MUNCHING SOCIETY, I CAN GUARANTEE WE'LL BUY ANYTHING THAT YOU PUBLISH.

Mr. BLIPSTEAD, YOU'RE THE ACCOUNTANT?
IF WE CREATE OUR OWN UNIVERSE AND DON'T HAVE TO PAY CREATORS, WE'LL MAKE MILLIONS!

'NUFF SAID. WE GO TO PRESS NEXT WEEK.
IT'S TIME TO CALL THE BACKBONE OF THIS ORGANIZATION, THE ONLY PEOPLE IN THIS INDUSTRY WHO COULD PULL IT OFF. IT'S TIME TO CALL...

"... THE MARKETING DEPARTMENT!"
YES, SIR! WE'LL HAVE THOSE NEW COMICS CREATED BY THIS AFTERNOON!
INDUSTRY SALES FIGURES
US
THEM
BLACK & WHITES
COMPUTER ROOM
OK, EVERYBODY! TIME TO GET TO WORK!
WE NEED A NEW UNIVERSE IN FOUR HOURS!
FOUR HOURS!
IT TOOK GOD LONGER THAN THAT TO CREATE THE EARTH!
YES, BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE THE COSMIC COMPUTER!
NOW, LET'S CREATE THOSE BOOKS!
EGGHEAD, FIRE UP THE COSMIC COMPUTER!
YES, SIR!
SEÑOR BIBLIOTECA, GATHER UP THE FANBOY FAVE LIST, THE OFFICIAL MEDIOCRE COMICS FORMULA BOOK, AND ALL PREVIOUS SUCCESSFUL COMICS.
SI SEÑOR.
MISS HONEYDOLL, GO DRINK A COUPLE OF BOTTLES OF CHAMPAGNE AND MEET ME AT MY HOUSE.
OH, YES, SIR.

O CROSSOVER
O PLOT COMPLICATION
O HEROES IN OUTFITS
O FIGHT SCENE
O EMOTIONAL DEPTH
O DEUS EX MACHINA
TELL ME AGAIN, EGGHEAD, HOW DOES THE COSMIC COMPUTER WORK?
X-MEN

WELL, Mr. SMITHEREENS, IT'S REALLY QUITE SIMPLE. THE COSMIC COMPUTER IS, IN ACTUALITY, A HYDRO-THERMO POWERED INFORMATION PROCESSOR AND IDEA SYNTHESIZER. IT COMBINES THE INGREDIENTS OF OTHER SUCCESSFUL COMICS WITH OUR POTENTIAL READERS' DEMOGRAPHIC FANTASY NEEDS, PLACES POTENTIAL SCENARIOS IN A BACKDROP FEATURING THE OFFICIAL MEDIOCRE COMICS PUBLISHING FORMULA™, AND, USING THE LATEST IN LASER-ADAPTED PRECONTROLLED QUADRA-BIT FUNCTIONING, CREATES A RECOMMENDED INTERCHANGEABLE, MARKETABLE STORIOLOGY.

HUH?

IT CREATES COMICS.
Oh.

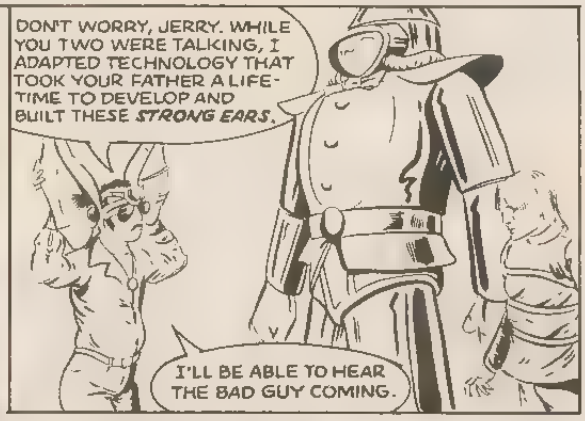
OK, WE'VE LOADED ALL THE INFORMATION INTO THE COMPUTER, AND IT'S STARTING TO PRODUCE THE FIRST STORY
STARBLAND
AMAZING!
I'M THE BEST IN THE WORLD, AND WINNING THIS RACE WILL PROVE IT!
YOU'LL NEVER CATCH ME! I AM THE MAN! HA HA HA!
BAD MOTHERS
I OWN THE ROAD! I... OOOPS!
CRASH
ONE-TWO! ONE-TWO!
ARMOR ABSORBS

HUMAN.! I HAVE COME TO CHOOSE.! ARE YOU BRAVE ?
Huh ? N-N-NO!
OH...
WELL, THEN, ARE YOU FEARLESS ?
m-mommy...!
DAMN!...
WELL, THEN, ARE YOU A LEFT-HANDED SUSHI CHEF WHO CAN HIT TO ALL FIELDS, PLAY THE PICCOLO, AND STAND ON YOUR HEAD ?
WHY, YES!
GREAT! HERE IT IS!
THE BAD GUY WILL BE HERE IN A FEW SECONDS, 'BYE!
ZIP!
WHAM!

YOU!
○ CROSSOVER
● FIGHT SCENE
○ PLOT COMPLICATION
○ EMOTIONAL DEPTH
○ HEROES IN OUTFITS
○ DEUS EX MACHINA
COSTUMES
MASK
CLOSED
CRASH!
I'M NOT HURT! AND...
OH NO, NOT YOU AGAIN!

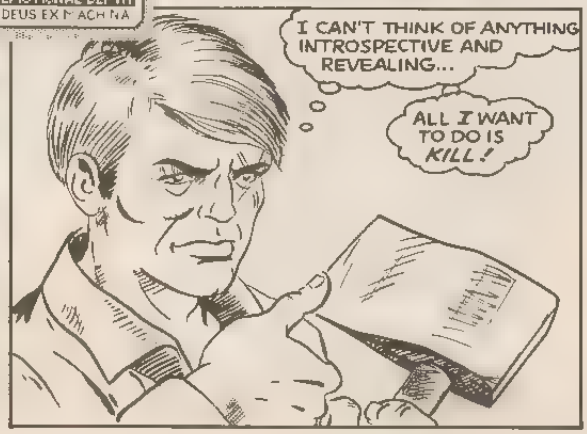
NAW, IT'S JUST A COSTUME.
THAT'S IT! I'LL PUT ON A COSTUME! HE'LL NEVER RECOGNIZE ME THEN!
NO, NOT MY COLORS.
TOO SHORT.
NAH, THAT ONE'D GET ME SUED.
THIS IS IT! THIS IS ME!
O CROSSOVER
O PLOT COMPLICATION
● HEROES IN OUTFITS
● FIGHT SCENE
O EMOTIONAL DEPTH
O DEUS EX MACHINA
BOOM
WAP
RRIPP

MISFIRE
and the TEQUILA SHOOTERS!
I'M BARRY, AND I'M WAITING FOR DISCO TO COME BACK. I'M REALLY IMPRESSED WITH MYSELF, AND YOU SHOULD BE, TOO.
I'M HARRY, I SKIPPED TEN GRADES AND ENROLLED HERE. I HAVEN'T EVEN REACHED PUBERTY YET, AND I HATE GIRLS.
HI, I'M LARRY, I'M A STREETWISE PUNK, WHO THROUGH AN IMPROBABLE SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES, GOT A SCHOLARSHIP HERE AT T.W.I.T.
I'M MARY, AND I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR THESE GUYS. IN FACT, THAT'S HOW I GOT INTO THIS SCHOOL.
I'M SCARY, AND I THINK I'M IN THE WRONG BOOK.
WE'RE THE TEQUILA SHOOTERS AND WE'RE WAITING FOR...
RRIPP
CRASH
MISFIRE!
I WATCH YOU EVERYDAY ON ARMOR AEROBICS!
CROSSOVER
FIGHT SCENE
PLOT COMPLICATION
EMOTIONAL DEPTH
HEROES IN OUTFITS
DEUS EX MACHINA


DON'T WORRY, JERRY. WHILE YOU TWO WERE TALKING, I ADAPTED TECHNOLOGY THAT TOOK YOUR FATHER A LIFE-TIME TO DEVELOP AND BUILT THESE STRONG EARS.
I'LL BE ABLE TO HEAR THE BAD GUY COMING.

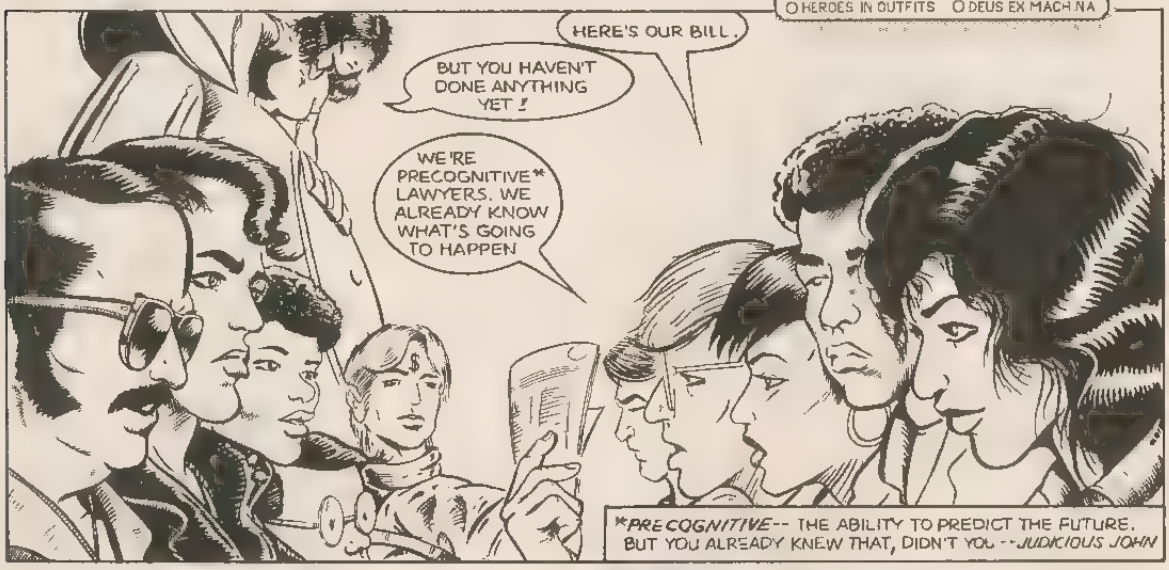
○ CROSSOVER	○ FIGHT SCENE
○ PLOT COMPLICATION	● EMOTIONAL DEPTH
○ HEROES IN OUTFITS	○ DEUS EX MACHINA

WHY ARE WE CALLED THE TEQUILA SHOOTERS? MOMMA TOLD ME NEVER TO DRINK. ...BUT SHE NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT TAKING THE LAW INTO MY OWN HANDS.

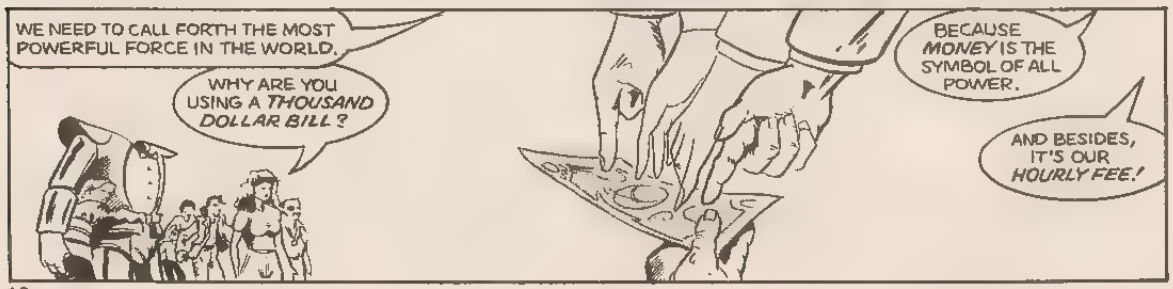


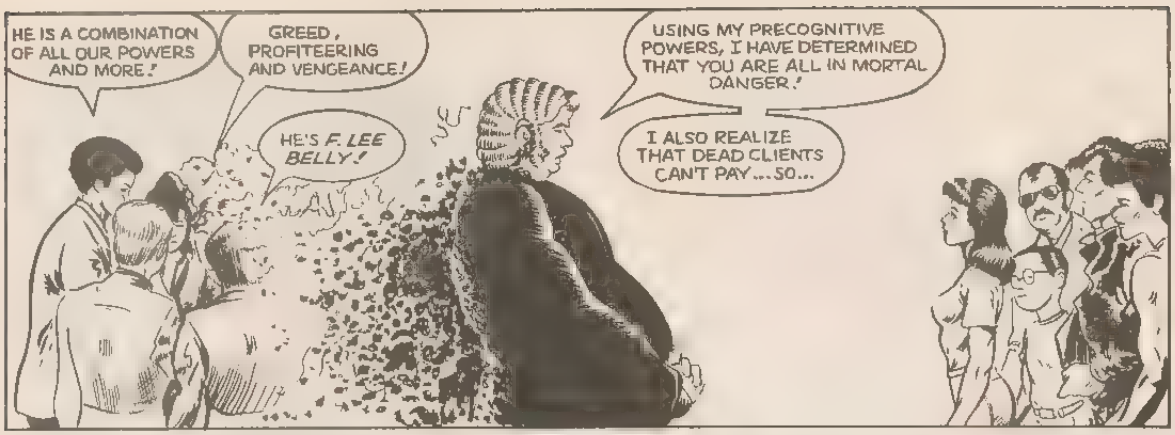
WE NEED HELP TO FIGHT THIS BAD GUY. WE NEED...

SUE-'EM!
SUE FORCE
● CROSSOVER
○ FIGHT SCENE
○ PLOT COMPLICATION
○ EMOTIONAL DEPTH
○ HEROES IN OUTFITS
○ DEUS EX MACHINA

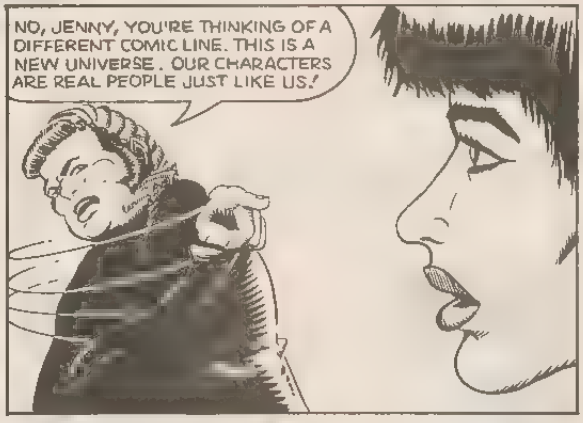

HERE'S OUR BILL.
BUT YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING YET!
WE'RE PRECOGNITIVE* LAWYERS. WE ALREADY KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN
*PRECOGNITIVE-- THE ABILITY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE. BUT YOU ALREADY KNEW THAT, DIDN'T YOU --JUDICIOUS JOHN

NORMALLY WE ONLY TAKE CASES THAT INVOLVE LITIGATION, BUT THIS TIME WE'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION.
BECAUSE, BY THE TIME WE'RE DONE, SOMEBODY WILL HAVE TO SUE SOMEONE.
Street Journal


WE NEED TO CALL FORTH THE MOST POWERFUL FORCE IN THE WORLD.
WHY ARE YOU USING A THOUSAND DOLLAR BILL?
BECAUSE MONEY IS THE SYMBOL OF ALL POWER.
AND BESIDES, IT'S OUR HOURLY FEE!


HE IS A COMBINATION OF ALL OUR POWERS AND MORE!
GREED, PROFITEERING AND VENGEANCE!
HE'S F. LEE BELLY!
USING MY PRECOGNITIVE POWERS, I HAVE DETERMINED THAT YOU ARE ALL IN MORTAL DANGER!
I ALSO REALIZE THAT DEAD CLIENTS CAN'T PAY... SO...

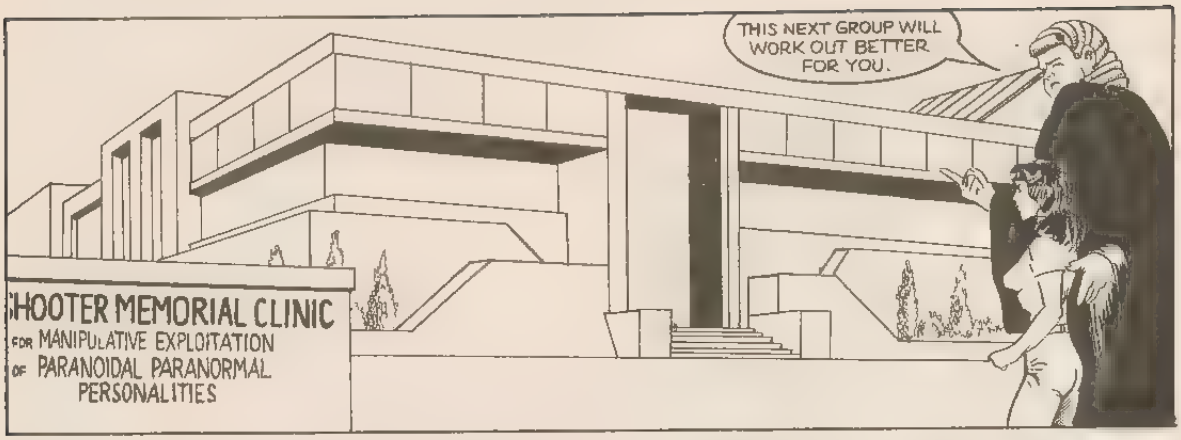
WHAT YOU NEED IS AN EXPERIENCED COMBAT VETERAN. SOMEONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO WIN WARS, BUT WHOSE PERSONAL LIFE IS A MESS.
SOUNDS LIKE A SUPERHERO


NO, JENNY, YOU'RE THINKING OF A DIFFERENT COMIC LINE. THIS IS A NEW UNIVERSE. OUR CHARACTERS ARE REAL PEOPLE JUST LIKE US!

YOU NEED
MARK LIZZARD:
JERK

BUDDA
BUDDA
BUDDA
ALL THIS VIOLENCE MAKES ME THINK OF MY SON!
O CROSSOVER
O PLOT COMPLICATION
O HEROES IN OUTFITS
O FIGHT SCENE
● EMOTIONAL DEPTH
O DEUS EX MACHINA
HE MUST BE 27 NOW, AND WE'VE NEVER MET!
TOSS
I GUESS I COULD HAVE BEEN A BETTER FATHER...
I WONDER WHAT HIS NAME IS?
EAT THIS, YOU BUCKET OF BOLTS!
FOOMP
MAYBE I'M JUST GROWING OLD, BUT GETTING A BEER IS HARDER THAN IT USED TO BE!

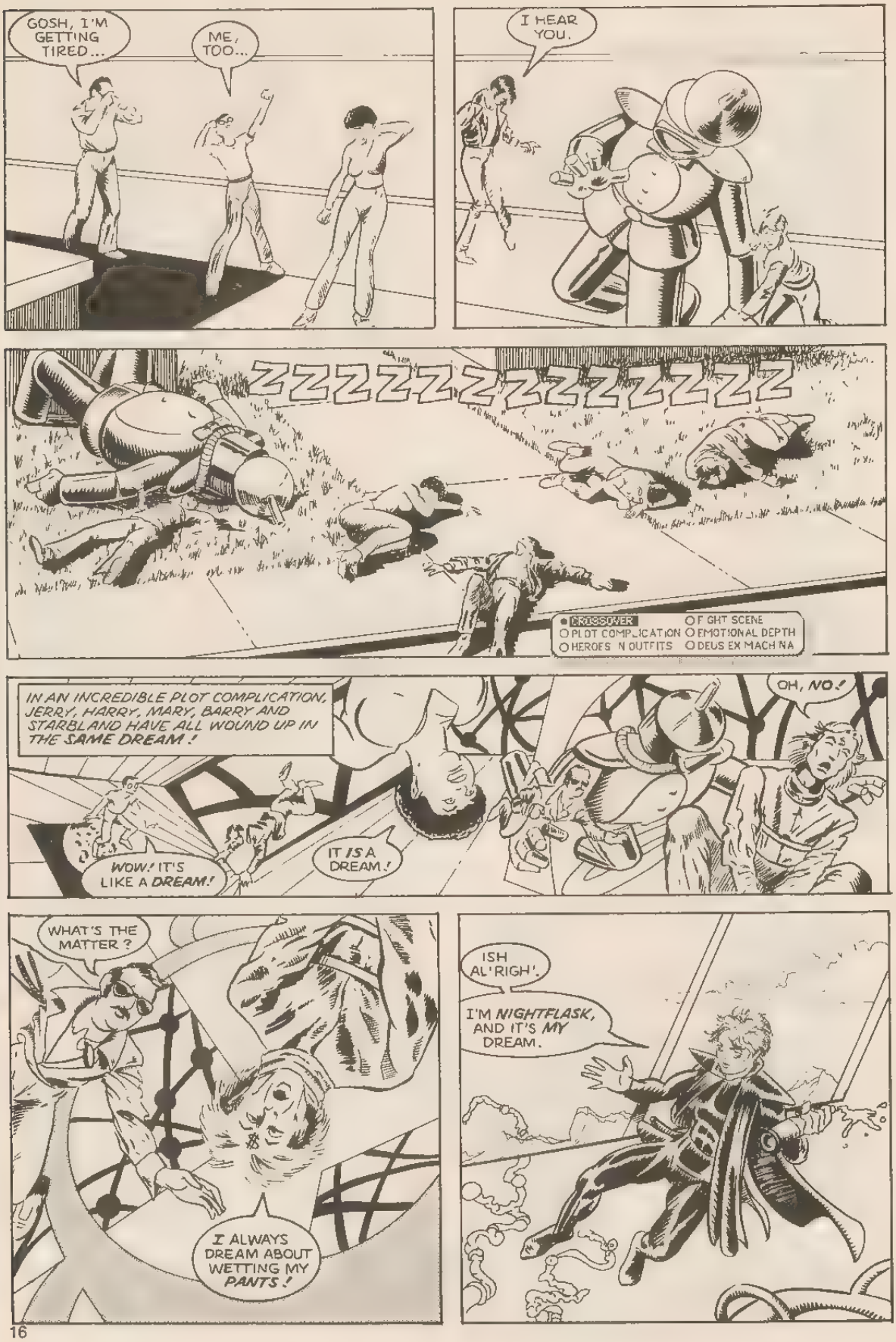
Mr. JERK..
TAP TAP
YAAAH!
● CROSSOVER
○ PLOT COMPLICATION
○ HEROES 'N OUTFITS
○ FIGHT SCENE
○ EMOTIONAL DEPTH
○ DEUS EX MACHINA
WOW, JUST LIKE RAMBO, COMMANDO, AND G.I. JOE!
Mr JERK. I'M F. LEE BELLY, AND..
DAD?..
SON?..
WHATTA YA SAY WE CELEBRATE BY GOING DOWN TO THE PARK AND MASSACRING A CROWD?
I WISH WE COULD BE THAT HAPPY
GREAT, DAD!
IF YOU'RE PRECOGNITIVE, Mr. BELLY, HOW COME YOU SHOWED US Mr. JERK AND IT DIDN'T WORK OUT?
WE NEEDED ANOTHER CROSSOVER, AND BESIDES, I HAD TO BILL YOU FOR SOMETHING--
--AFTER ALL, I AM A LAWYER!


THIS NEXT GROUP WILL WORK OUT BETTER FOR YOU.
SHOOTER MEMORIAL CLINIC
FOR MANIPULATIVE EXPLOITATION OF PARANOIDAL PARANORMAL PERSONALITIES

WELL, I'VE GOT TO GO. I'M NEEDED ON PAGE 21.
I HAVEN'T HEARD THE BAD GUY YET.
WHAT'S WITH THE X-MEN ?
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO HELP US
● CROSSOVER
O PLOT COMPLICATION
O HEROES IN OUTFITS
O FIGHT SCENE
O EMOTIONAL DEPTH
O DEUS EX MACHINA

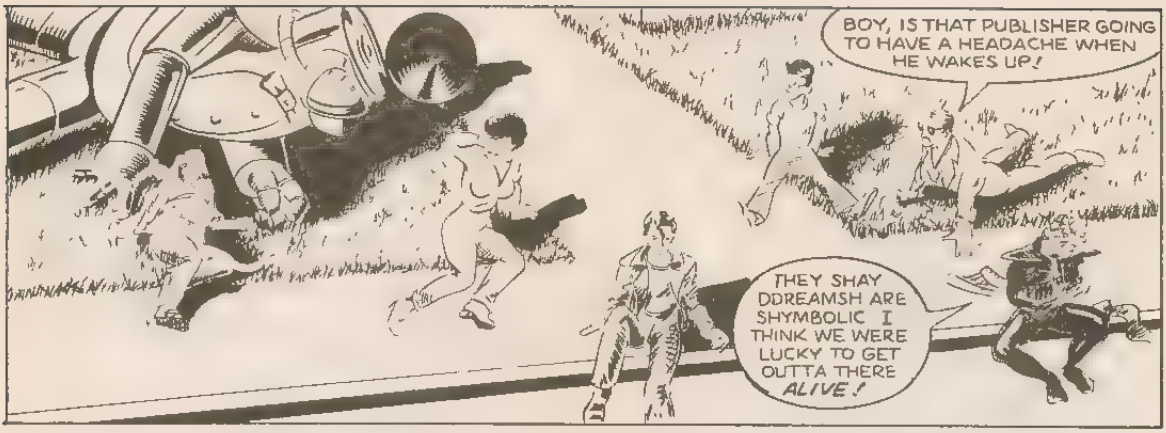
HELP US ?! HAVE YOU HEARD WHAT THEY'RE THINKING ? I THINK THEY'RE THE ONES THAT NEED HELP !
I BET THESE PEOPLE THINK THAT I AM OVERWEIGHT.
I WISH I DIDN'T HAVE SUCH A MAGNETIC PERSONALITY.
I WISH THIS CHEAP CLINIC WOULD PAY THEIR LIGHT BILL SO I COULD HAVE A REST !
PARANOID PARANORMALS
PP7
WHY DO I REMIND MYSELF OF SOMEONE ELSE ?
HOW COME PEOPLE WHO TALK TO ME ALWAYS FALL ASLEEP ?
WHY WON'T ANY-BODY SHAKE HANDS WITH ME ?
WHRRRBZZ ZZPHBBLLZT BBDTDZZT ?

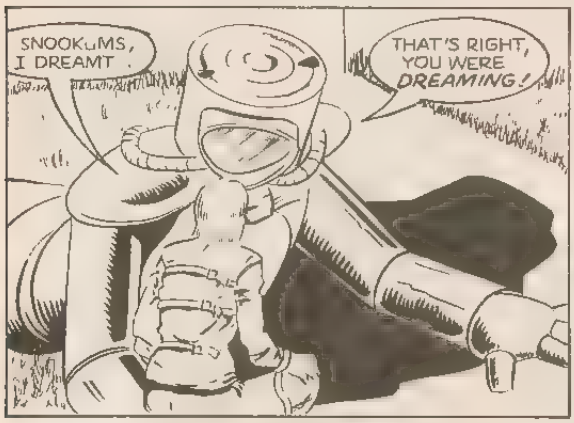
YOU'RE RIGHT. LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ON OUR OWN.
GIVE ME THAT! IT'S TO BE USED FOR ARMOR, NOT AMOUR!
HEY! WAIT A MINUTE!
DON'T MESS WITH ME, PAL!
I.. uh..
LOOK! HE'S WETTING HIS PANTS!
I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE.
I WONDER IF THEY THINK THAT SMELL IS COMING FROM ME?
:phew!: FRESH AIR!
MY LITTLE BROTHER HAS THE SAME PROBLEM. HE WEARS PLASTIC UNDERWEAR.

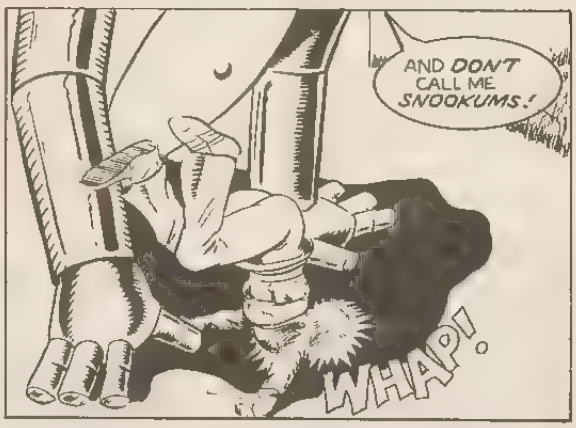

GOSH, I'M GETTING TIRED...
ME, TOO...
I HEAR YOU.
ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ
CROSSOVER
FIGHT SCENE
PLOT COMPLICATION
EMOTIONAL DEPTH
HEROES N OUTFITS
DEUS EX MACH NA
IN AN INCREDIBLE PLOT COMPLICATION, JERRY, HARRY, MARY, BARRY AND STARBLAND HAVE ALL WOUND UP IN THE SAME DREAM!
OH, NO!
WOW! IT'S LIKE A DREAM!
IT IS A DREAM!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I ALWAYS DREAM ABOUT WETTING MY PANTS!
ISH AL'RIGH'.
I'M NIGHTFLASK, AND IT'S MY DREAM.

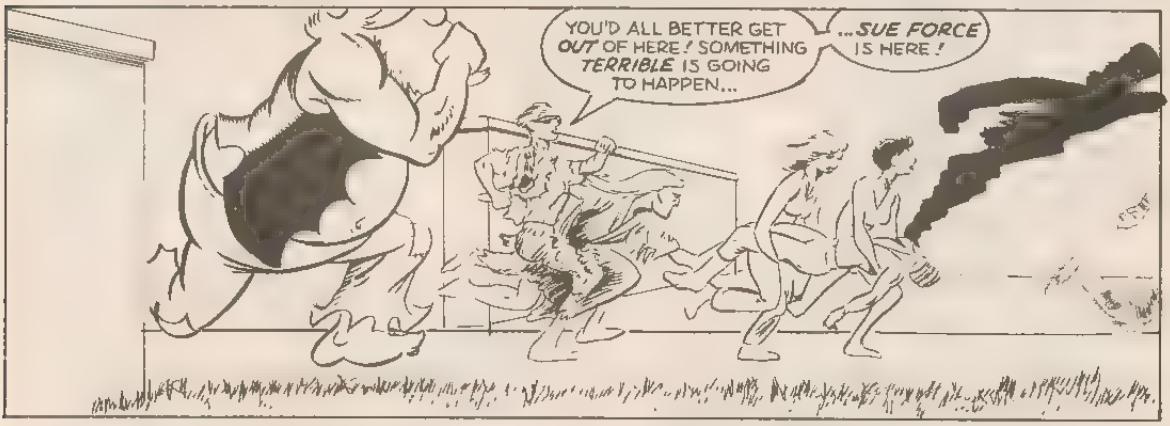
WHO ARE YOU ?
A GENNULM'N DDOWN ON ISH LUCK...
'M 'BOUT TO ENTER SHOMEBUDDY ELSHE'S DREAM...
HEEERE WEE GO...
NEVER SEEN A WINO BEFORE, KID ?
DIMENSIONAL PORTAL HOURS
THIS IS JUST LIKE THAT MOVIE, "DREAMSCAPE"!
DDON' TELL ENNYONE,.. PLEASH...
UH-ohh-- WE'RE INNA BLACK-AND-WHITE PUBLISHER'S DREAMM!

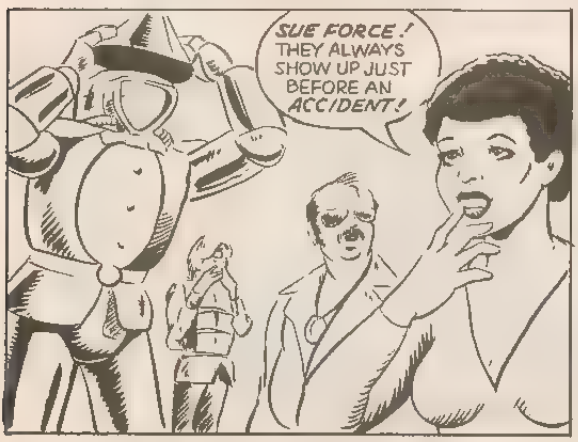
AIIIEEEEEE!
I SEE YOU WET YOUR PANTS IN OTHER PEOPLE'S DREAMS, TOO
● CROSSOVER
○ PLOT COMPLICATION
○ HEROES IN OUTFITS
● FIGHT SCENE
○ EMOTIONAL DEPTH
○ DEUS EX MACHINA
GET BEHIND ME, EVERYONE!
AARRRRH
I GUESS THIS IS IT!
MY LOVE!!
WABC OOM


BOY, IS THAT PUBLISHER GOING TO HAVE A HEADACHE WHEN HE WAKES UP!
THEY SHAY DDREAMSH ARE SHYMBOLIC I THINK WE WERE LUCKY TO GET OUTTA THERE ALIVE!

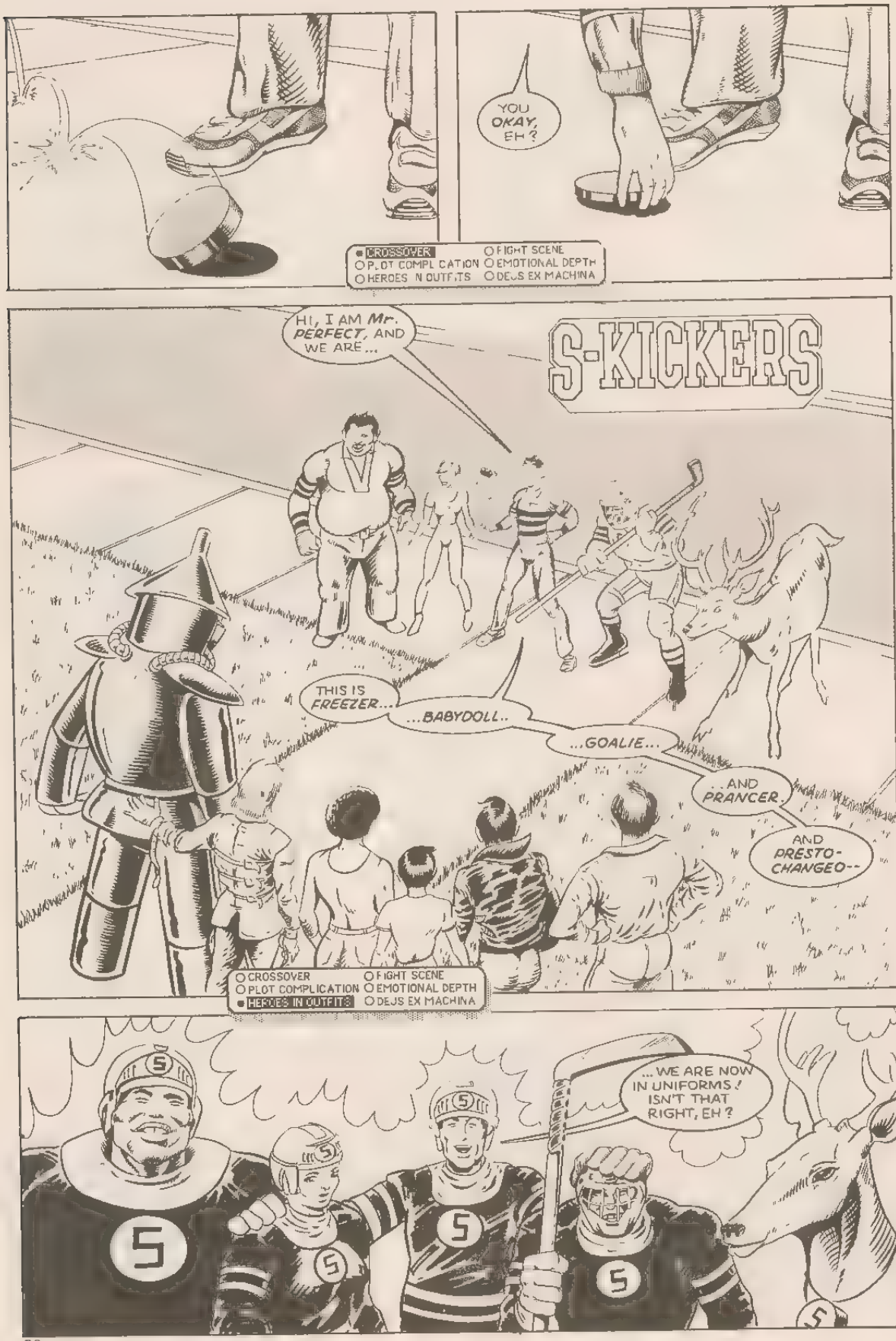

SNOOKUMS, I DREAMT
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU WERE DREAMING!


AND DON'T CALL ME SNOOKUMS!
WHAP!


YOU'D ALL BETTER GET OUT OF HERE! SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS GOING TO HAPPEN...
...SUE FORCE IS HERE!

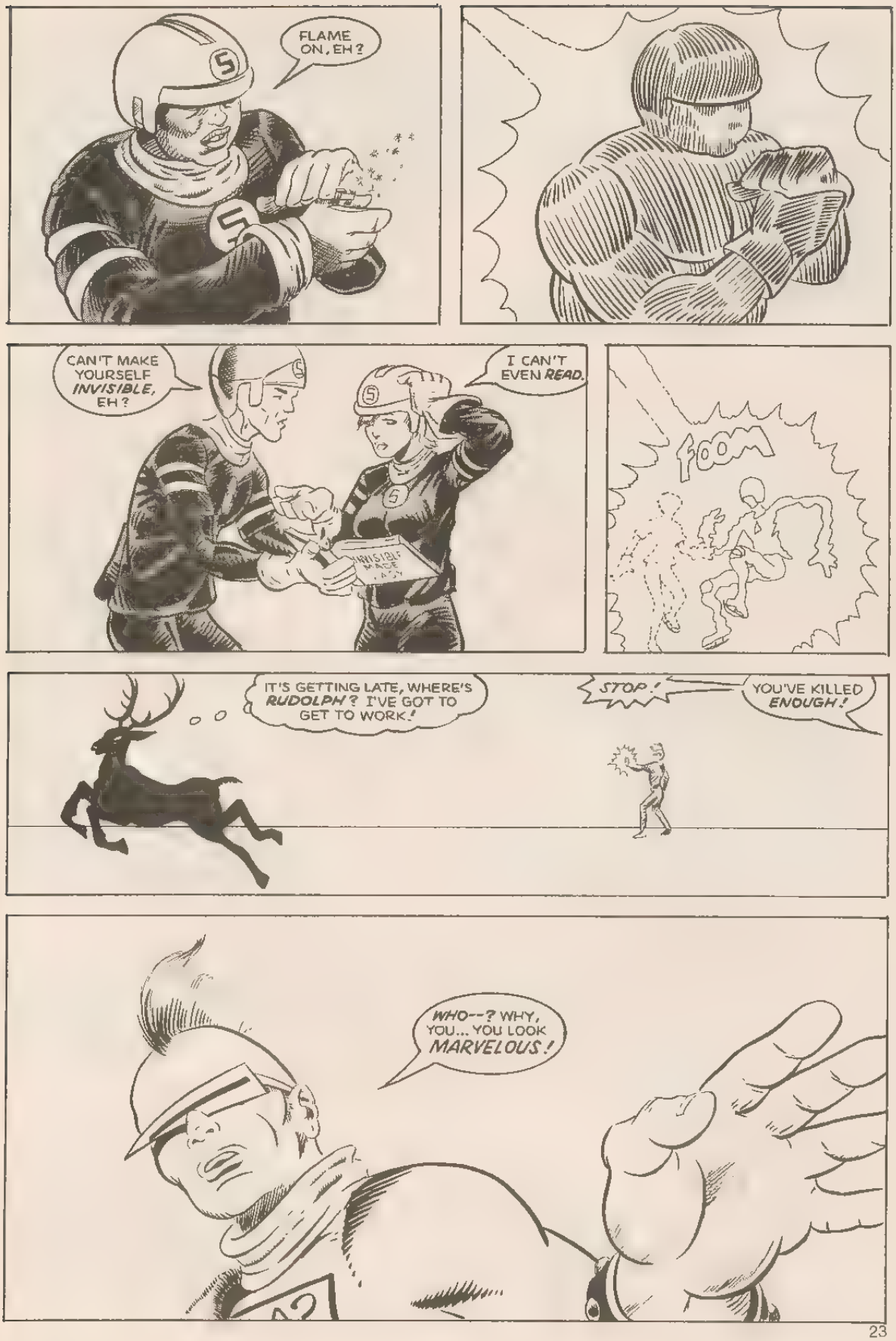

SUE FORCE! THEY ALWAYS SHOW UP JUST BEFORE AN ACCIDENT!

KLANNG!!
NHL


YOU OKAY, EH?
• CROSSOVER
O PLOT COMPLICATION
O HEROES IN OUTFITS
O FIGHT SCENE
O EMOTIONAL DEPTH
O DEUS EX MACHINA
HI, I AM Mr. PERFECT, AND WE ARE...
S-KICKERS
THIS IS FREEZER...
...BABYDOLL..
...GOALIE...
...AND PRANCER..
AND PRESTO-CHANGEO--
O CROSSOVER
O PLOT COMPLICATION
• HEROES IN OUTFITS
O FIGHT SCENE
O EMOTIONAL DEPTH
O DEUS EX MACHINA
...WE ARE NOW IN UNIFORMS! ISN'T THAT RIGHT, EH?

LAPELS TOO WIDE!
AAAHHHH!
POOM!
• CROSSOVER
○ PLOT COMPLICATION
○ HEROES IN OUTFITS
• FIGHT SCENE
○ EMOTIONAL DEPTH
○ DEUS EX MACHINA
WE'VE GOT TO FORM F LEE BELLY-- AAAUGHHH!
PINSTRIPES TOO NARROW!
1000
I HOPE THIS WORKS WITHOUT THE OTHER TWO...
YOU'VE BARELY LEFT ME A LEG TO STAND ON!
ROBES ARE OUT!
KOOM!

I READ PEOPLE'S ATTIRE.
IF THEY VIOLATE THE RULES OF FASHION, THEY DIE!
JUST DRESSED
IN THIS COUNTRY, THAT'S NOT A GOOD ENOUGH REASON TO KILL SOMEONE, EH?
I'M NOT FROM THIS COUNTRY. IN FACT, I'M NOT EVEN FROM THIS UNIVERSE!
I THOUGHT YOU'D PROGRAMMED THE COMPUTER FOR JUST ONE UNIVERSE?
SO IT HAS SOME BUGS IN IT. NO ONE WHO READS OUR STUFF WILL NOTICE IT!
IT'S CLOBBERIN' TIME, EH?
UGLY OUTFIT.
IN FACT, THAT GOES FOR YOU AND THE REST OF YOUR FRIENDS!


FLAME ON, EH?
CAN'T MAKE YOURSELF *INVISIBLE*, EH?
I CAN'T EVEN *READ*.
INVISIBLE MAGIC
FOOM
IT'S GETTING LATE, WHERE'S *RUDOLPH*? I'VE GOT TO GET TO WORK!
STOP!
YOU'VE KILLED *ENOUGH*!
WHO--? WHY, YOU... YOU LOOK *MARVELOUS!*

LISTEN, JUDGE DREADD OR WHATEVER YOUR NAME IS--
● CROSSOVER
○ PLOT COMPLICATION
○ HEROES IN OUTFITS
○ FIGHT SCENE
○ EMOTIONAL DEPTH
○ DEUS EX MACHINA
THAT'S NOT VERY FASHIONABLE. THERE'S A BATHROOM IN THAT BUILDING OVER THERE.
YOU!
NO! PLEASE! I PROMISE I'LL BECOME MORE INTERESTING!!
RRIPP

WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?
I TOLD YOU THE PROGRAM HAS SOME BUGS IN IT.
CROSSOVER
PLOT COMPLICATION
HEROES IN OUTFITS
FIGHT SCENE
EMOTIONAL DEPTH
DEUS EX MACHINA
OH MY GOD! IT'S HIM!
THE MOST POWERFUL BEING IN THE COMICS UNIVERSE!
IT'S THE READER!

YOU DON'T EVEN INTEREST ME!
YOU'RE NOT ORIGINAL, YOU'RE NOT BELIEVABLE, AND THERE ARE TOO MANY UNNECESSARY CROSSOVERS.
WHAT'S GOING ON?!!
:-glakk!-:
GOOD LORD! MAKE IT STOP!
CLICK
TAP
TAPPA
PUNCH
O CROSSOVER
O PLOT COMPLICATION
O HEROES IN OUTFITS
O FIGHT SCENE
O EMOTIONAL DEPTH
● DEUS EX MACHINA
YOU'RE NOT FUNNY...
...YOU'RE NOT EVEN ANIMALS!
RATHER THAN WAIT FOR YOU TO DIE SLOWLY FROM DISINTEREST, I'M GOING TO MAKE IT QUICK!

WHAT A DAY THAT WAS!
EGGHEAD PULLED THE PLUG ON THE COSMIC COMPUTER JUST IN TIME!
TURNS OUT THE CREATIVE DEPARTMENT HAD HEARD ABOUT THE DECISION TO HAVE MARKETING CREATE ALL THE NEW COMICS...
...SO THEY INSTALLED A "CONSCIENCE OVERRIDE" INTO THE COSMIC COMPUTER...
...THEY SAID IT WAS NEEDED TO HELP THE COMICS BE MORE BELIEVABLE. TO MAKE THEM MORE INTERESTING...
...THEY SAID IT WOULD HELP SALES. WE TOLD THEM WE NEEDED TEAM PLAYERS. THEY WERE FIRED, WE PUBLISHED THE NEW TITLES...
"...AFTER ALL, WHAT DOES CREATIVITY HAVE TO DO WITH MARKETING?"
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B.O.
PRESIDENT
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Jim: Here are the letters you asked me to make up. PLEASE remember to fix them up before you send them off to press! Y'know, add titles, characters, the usual. Also, the Buckley letter will need the deletions I've marked.

Thanks, Ste

Dear Sirs,
I think _____ is the best book on the stands today! The action just seems to jump off the page! _____ really is a wizard with a pencil; his art is truly a joy to behold! He and _____ are a great team. It gets very hard to wait a month for each issue. ny chance of a bi-weekly schedule? Oh well, till _____
_____, Make Mine Mediocre!

Joe Fan
Moose Dropping, VT

Hey dudes and dudettes,
Like, I got your newest copy of _____ yesterday, and I really, really, really liked it. It was totally rad when _____ threw _____ over the bridge! Way cool! You should have visit here sometime. I bet she'd look AWESOME in a bikini. Any chance of a sketch for my collection?
Take it slow.
Barry Bleach
Malibu CA

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY

Gentlemen:

I thought your past books were ~~a~~ spectacular ~~failure~~, but this time you've outdone yourselves. ~~Garbage unfit for swine~~ at best is the only way to describe this ~~travesty.~~ You should be ~~ashamed to foist this upon your~~ acclaimed peers. You've done ~~this same, tired dull routine countless times before; why do~~ it again? Once more, you've ~~sacrificed the fans' credibility for sales and~~ created a ~~cheap~~ monument to ~~bad taste, crass commercialism, and cheap~~ professionalism.

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William F. Buckley

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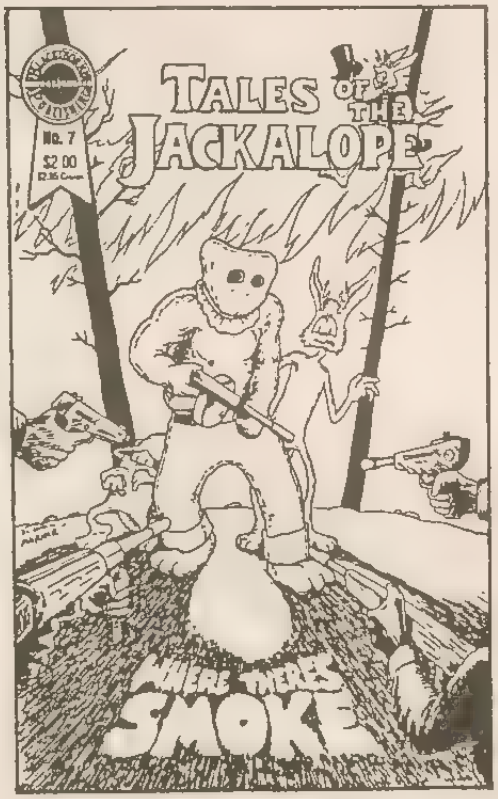

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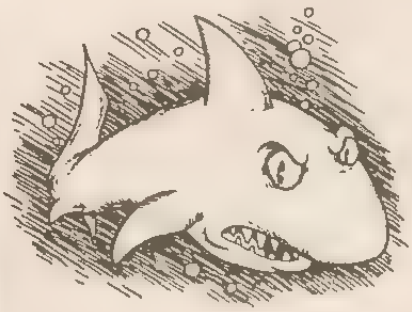

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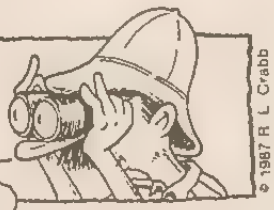

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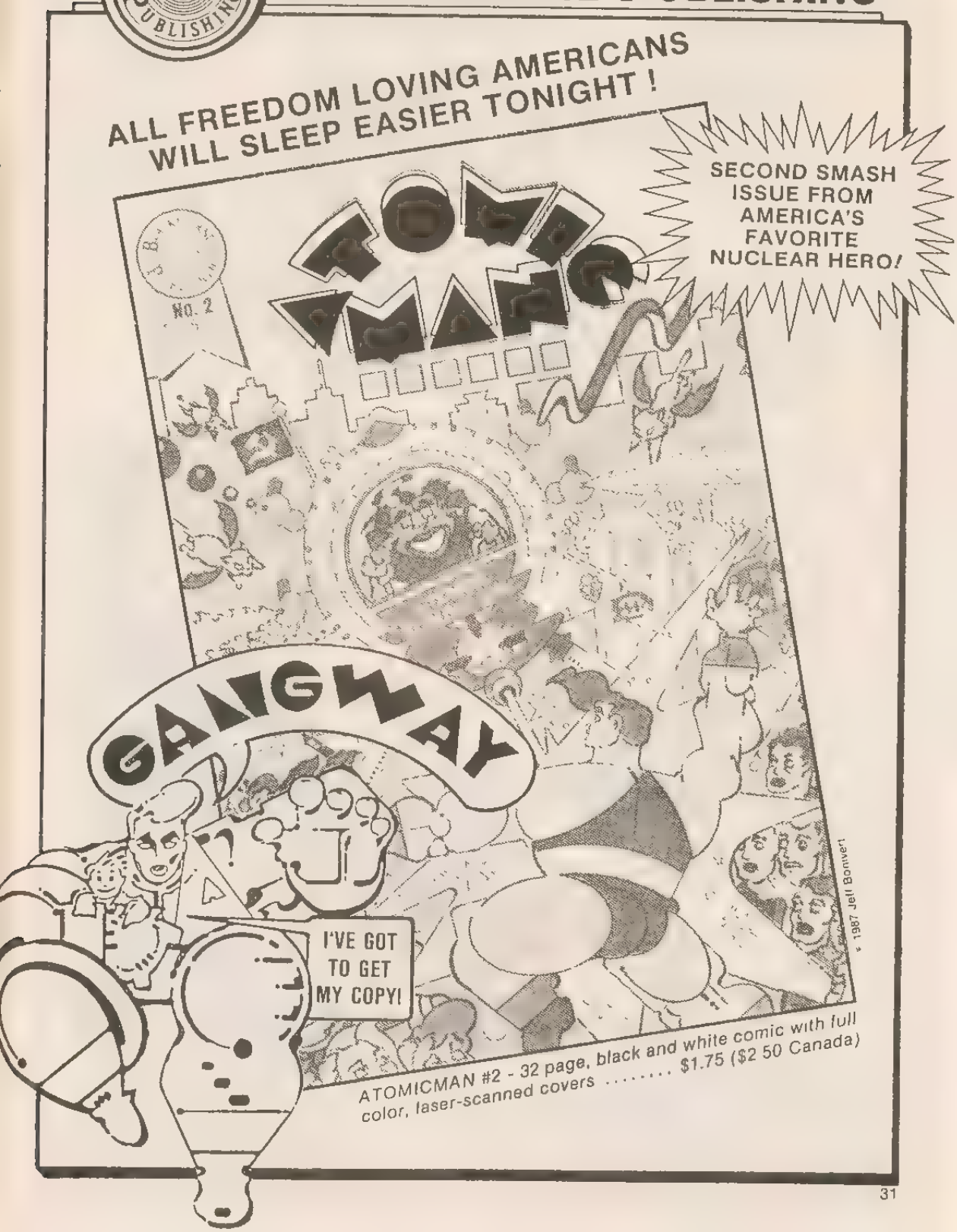
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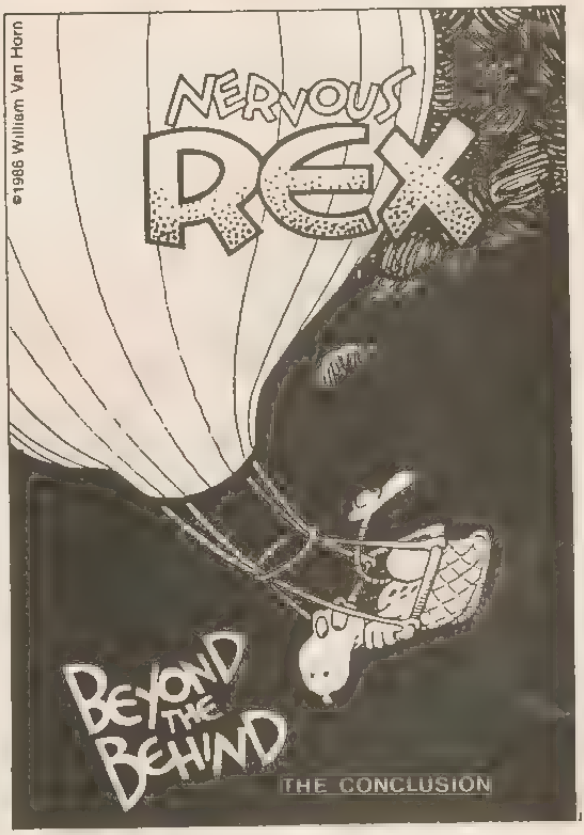

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